(b) if so, the details of such dialogue; and

(c) the decisions taken after the dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the talks both sides discussed modalities for strengthening cooperation in combating activities of terrorists, criminals and other hostile elements engaged in activities prejudicial to the security of India and Nepal and to further intensify cooperation through regular meetings between authorities of adjoining border districts etc. Both sides also finalized and initialed the text of the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and the Extradition Treaty between India and Nepal.

2. Implementation of decisions taken during the talks is a continuing process.

Loopholes in the security of Tihar Jail

†3031. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sher Singh Rana, the prime accused in Phoolan Devi murder case in an interview on a TV channel has enumerated a number of loopholes in Tihar prison;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have looked into these loopholes and taken measures to plug them;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to arrest the prime accused of Phoolan Devi murder case despite its all out efforts; and

(e) if so, the concrete action proposed to be taken by Government to nab him immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No such interview given by the accused in Phoolan Devi murder case has come to the notice of the Government. However, the security arrangements in Tihar Jails are regularly reviewed. Following the escape of the accused of Phoolan Devi murder case, all aspects of security in Tihar Jails were reviewed and necessary steps have

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

been taken to improve it. The steps taken include improvements in the procedure for movement of under trial prisoners from jails to outstation courts; deployment of security staff; procurement of more modern security related equipments; periodic inspections of jails.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. However, Delhi Police has reported that it is making sincere efforts to arrest the accused. The action taken to nab the accused includes deployment of a team of Special Cell; keeping surveillance on his possible associates/harbourers in Delhi, Bihar, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; arrest of the hardocore criminals including Subhash Thakur and Sharwan Kumar and their interrogation.

Registering of false cases by Delhi Police

3032. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police is in the habit of registering false and fabricated cases of abduction and rape against innocent citizens under political pressure;

(b) whether Government have received complaints against registering false cases involving baljit Singh and his family members, a resident of B-14/1, Dabri Exten., New Delhi-42;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to withdraw such cases registered under pressure after proper investigation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per information received from Delhi Police, no false and fabricated case of abduction and rape has been registered by it against innocent citizens.

(b) and (c) On the basis of a complaint, Delhi Police had registered a case vide FIR No. 257/04 u/s 376/363/34 IPC at Police Station, Dabri in which one Shri Baljit Singh, his son and tenant are Proclaimed Offenders. Police has already filed charge sheet in the Court. The daughter and the wife of Shri Baljit Singh has made complaints alleging demand of bribe and registration of false rape case against one Sub-Inspector of Dabri